



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FAIR HOUSING MONTH
APRIL 2006

WHEREAS, April 2006 marks the 38th anniversary of the passage of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota law has prohibited discrimination in housing since 1983, and the North Dakota Housing Discrimination Act was passed in 1999; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity for all – regardless of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, national origin, marital or public assistance status – is a fundamental goal of our state law; and

WHEREAS, access to housing of an individual's choice is an important, quality of life issue because where we live determines where our children go to school, where our friends are and what cultural benefits we enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the state of North Dakota supports a concerted effort toward the elimination of discrimination in housing so that all citizens have the opportunity to live in safe and affordable housing.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 2006, **FAIR HOUSING MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State